

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BONN 09852 101954Z

63

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 RSC-01 EB-11

COME-00 AGR-20 PA-03 PRS-01 USIA-12 DODE-00 RSR-01

/085 W

----- 044262

R 101721Z JUL 73

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6208

UNCLAS BONN 9852

PASS AGRICULTURE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, GW

SUBJECT: CURRENT FRG CROP CONDITIONS AND GRAIN CARRYOVER
ESTIMATE.

1. ALTHOUGH RAINS WERE GENERALLY WIDESPREAD OVER GERMANY DURING THE WEEK-END OF JULY 7-8, THEY WERE CONSIDERED INSUFFICIENT TO ALLEVIATE THE DRYNESS PREVALENT DURING MOST OF THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER. IN SOME LOCALIZED AREAS, THEY WERE ALMOST CLOUD BURSTS THAT DID LITTLE BUT INCREASE LODGING. WHILE THE RAINS BROKE THE HEAT WAVE THAT HAD REACHED 93 DEGREES UNDER CLOUDLESS SKIES, THERE IS STILL BASIS FOR SOME CONCERN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CROPS AND PASTURE. CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN GERMANY ARE GENERALLY BETTER THAN IN THE NORTH WHERE SANDY SOILS PRECLUDE MOISTURE RETENTION AND NEGATE THE BENEFITS POSSIBLE FROM GOOD GROWING TEMPERATURES AND UNINTERRUPTED RADIATION.

2. THE LATEST AGRICULTURAL METEOROLOGICAL WEEKLY REPORT (THROUGH JULY1) STATE THAT FOR SOUTHERN GERMANY THE CONDITION OF ROOT CROPS AND CORN WAS QUOTE GOOD TO SATISFACTORY UNQUOTE, WHILE THAT OF GRAINS WAS QUOTE PREDOMINANTLY GOOD UNQUOTE. FOR NORTHERN GERMANY THE SAME REPORT STATED THAT PLANT GROWTH, WHICH HAD BEEN EVALUATED AS QUOTE GOOD UNQUOTE THE WEEK BEFORE, WAS NOW ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BONN 09852 101954Z

QUOTE SATISFACTORY UNQUOTE AT MANY POINTS. SINCE THE REPORT AND

UNTIL THE RAIN THE WEATHER HAD BEEN EXTREMELY HOT. THE PRESENT SITUATION CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
MOST GRAIN WILL PULL THROUGH WITHOUT MUCH DAMAGE. SOME PREMATURE RIPENING WILL OCCUR, BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO QUANTIFY EFFECTS ON YIELDS. HOWEVER, WE SHALL FORWARD IMMEDIATELY THE NEXT CROP ESTIMATES AS SOON AS ISSUED BEFORE THE END OF JULY. SOME DAMAGE HAS BEEN REPORTED ON BEET CROPS (BETA TYPES) WHERE THE DROUGHT HAS RESULTED IN LOCAL QUOTE SPOTTINESS UNQUOTE, MORE IN THE FLAT ROOTING FEED BEETS, HOWEVER, THAN IN SUGAR BEETS.

3. THE CARRYOVER OF FRG GRAIN STOCKS ON JULY 31, 1973 IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 4.648 MILLION TONS, 14 PERCENT LESS THAN WAS CARRIED OUT IN 1972, EVEN SO, THE QUANTITY WILL BE ABOUT 8 TO 10 PERCENT HIGHER THAN REMAINED ON JULY 31, 1971 OR 1970. OF THE TOTAL, 50 PERCENT OR 2.320 MILLION TONS IS EXPECTED TO BE IN WHEAT - A DECLINE OF ABOUT 450,000 TONS FROM JULY 31, 1972. WHEAT STOCKS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 3 1/2 MONTHS OF DOMESTIC NEEDS.

4. RYE STOCKS THAT WERE CONSIDERED BURDENSOME AT THE END OF EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS (IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION TONS EACH YEAR) SHOULD BE REDUCED TO ABOUT 800,000 TONS, BUT EVEN AT THE REDUCED LEVEL WOULD STILL SATISFY THREE MONTHS OF INTERNAL NEEDS. BARLEY STOCKS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT CHANGE MATERIALLY. AT ABOUT 800,000 TONS, CARRYOVER BARLEY WOULD BE SLIGHTLY BELOW EACH OF THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND ENOUGH FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF OF DOMESTIC DEMAND. OATS AT 375,000 AND CORN AT 350,000 ARE BOTH EXPECTED TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN LAST YEAR, BUT EQUAL TO, OR HIGHER THAN AT THE END OF JULY, 1971. HILLENBRAND

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GW
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN09852
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730741/aaaabegb.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 DEC 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27-Dec-2001 by thomasv0>; APPROVED <12 MAR 2002 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CURRENT FRG CROP CONDITIONS AND GRAIN CARRYOVER ESTIMATE.
TAGS: EAGR
To: SECSTATE WASHDC
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005